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Amendments to the Disclosure

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Referring first to Figures 1 to 3, a first embodiment of a cup lid in keeping with the present invention is shown. In Figure 1, the cup lid 10 is shown being placed on the rim 12 of a drinking cup 14 which has a substantially circular opening at its upper end 16. The cup lid 10 comprises a cover portion 18 having first and second substantially planar regions 20 and 22 respectively, a rim portion 24 around the periphery 26 of the cover portion 18, a hinge 28, a reclosable and tearable fold-back condiment tab 30, and a recess 32. The condiment opening 34 is defined in the first substantially planar region 20, which as shown in the drawings extends over at least about half of the cover portion 18, and the drinking access port 36 is defined in the second substantially planar region 22 and is positioned substantially opposite the condiment opening 34. The rim portion 24 is sealingly securable to the upper end 16 of the drinking cup 14, as can be best seen in Figure 1. The hinge 28 is formed in the first substantially planar region 20, and furthermore, the hinge is formed at least partially along a chord and is bisected by a diameter of the cup lid. The reclosable and tearable fold-back condiment tab 30 in the first substantially planar region 20 is defined by the hinge 28 and by fault lines 38 formed in the first substantially planar region 20. Moreover, the reclosable and tearable fold-back condiment tab 30 has an upstanding post 40 provided thereon. The recess 32 in the first substantially planar region 20 is dimensioned to frictionally receive the post 40 of the condiment tab 30 when it is torn and folded back, as shown in Figure 2. When the condiment tab 30 is torn and folded back, the condiment opening 34 is accessible.